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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Tactical Aerial Resource Management Study (TARMS)

In cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (FS) and the Office of Aircraft Services, we have established a Management Options Team to develop options for implementing each of the recommendations included in the TARMS report of October 1998. Team members are as follows:

Al Defler, FS, Director of Fire and Aviation, Region 3
Morgan Mills, FS, Regional Aviation Officer, Region 5
Tom Harbour, FS, Deputy Director of Fire and Aviation, Region 1
Jim Payne, FS, Regional Aviation Officer, Region 6
Ron Dunton, BLM, National Fire Program Manager
Dave Dash, BLM, Chief of Fire Operations, Alaska Fire Service
Bob Martin, FS, National Aviation Safety Officer
Gordon Harris, FS, National Aviation Operations Officer

Recorder for the team is Bob Roth, FS, Lolo National Forest, Region 1. Liaison to the team from the Aviation Management Council (AMC) is Pat Kelly, Chairman of the AMC.

The Charter for the team is attached. Your support for the team and their work is essential in order for them to complete the chartered tasks by May 1, 1999. Please contact any of the team members if you have questions or comments relative to their assigned tasks.

Signed by:
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1 - Attachment
1 - Charter (1 p.)

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CHARTER FOR TARMS MANAGEMENT OPTIONS TEAM

PURPOSE: The TARMS Management Options Team (TMOT) is formed to:

1. Propose options for implementation which address each of the recommendations made in the National Study of Tactical Aerial Resource Management to support Initial Attack and Large Fire Suppression (October 1998).
2. Review, examine and validate the range of management options in the original study.
3. In addition to addressing the recommendations made in TARMS, the team will address the following issues relating to aerial supervision:
 - a. Which aspects are inherently governmental functions per OMB Circular A-76?
 - b. What is the most cost effective and mission effective mix of government owned and contracted or leased aircraft?
 - c. What is the value of multiple purpose aircraft when compared to single purpose aircraft?

GUIDELINES: The TMOT will produce a professional report which describes a proposed course of action, including a general time line, addressing each TARMS recommendation and the several related issues. The report will document the process that the team used to reach its conclusions. The TMOT's proposed course of action will consider safety, both in the air and on-the-ground, effectiveness, efficiency, and cost. The TMOT may request that individuals or groups perform staff work in support of this effort. Each request should be formally documented. This should be coordinated with the Chairperson, Aviation Management Council. The report will be submitted by May 1, 1999.

/s/ Pat Kelly
Chair, Aviation Management Council

/s/ Bob Martin
Acting Director, Fire & Aviation Management
USDA Forest Service

/s/ Lester K. Rosenkrance
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